mendations of the enquiry committee on Electropathy/Electro-homoeopathy System of Medicine; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether the Electro-homoeopathy System has been accorded recognition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI): (a) and (b) During the course of discussion on the Electropathy System of Medicine (Recognition), Bill, 1990 moved by Shri Jagannath Singh former M. P. in the Lok Sabha on 22-2-1991, the former Deputy Minister for Health & Family Welfare assured the Hon'ble Member that the Report submitted by the Inquiry Committee on Electropathy/Electro-homoeopathy System of Medicine would be examined by an Export Committee set up by the Ministry of Health & F.W. and thereafter further action on the recommendations of the Inquiry Committee would be taken.

In pursuance of the Assurance, an Expert Committee on Electropathy/Electro-homoeopathy System of Medicine has been constituted on 16-5-1991 under the Chairmanship of Dr. SD. Sharma, Addl. Director General, Directorate General of Health Services. The Committee has been asked to furnish its Report by the end of July 1991.

Vacancies of judges in the Allahabad High Court

145. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present strength of Judges in the Allahabad High Court and what is the number of existing vacancies; and

(b) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) As on 1-7-91, the sanctioned strength of the Allahabad High Court was 57 permanent Judges and 3 Additional Judge on that date, 55 permanent Judges were in position leaving 2 vacancies of permanent Judges and 3 vacancies of Additional Judges to be filled up.

(b) The process of consultation among the constitutional authorities for filling up the existing vacancies of Judges in the Allahabad High Court is on. It is not possible to indicate precisely by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up.

Cholera cases in Delhi

146. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cholera cases have recently been going up in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what preventive steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI): (a) and (b) Though the number of Cholera cases reported so far in Delhi during 1991 is slightly higher than the number of cases reported during the same period last year i.e. 1990, it cannot be said that Cholera cases have recently gone up; as because number of cases reported in the month of June this year i.e. 99, is less than the number of cases reported in May, 1991 i.e 117, which indicates a declining trend.

The Government have taken the following preventive steps:

—Maximum efforts are being made to provide safe drinking water through piped water supply.

—Unifit hand pumps are being indentified for rectification of defects.

—Intensive health education campaign undertaken on personal hygiene and environmental sanitation as well as for use of chlorine tablets and Oral Rehydration Salt (O.R.S.).

—Garbage heaps are being removed regularly and sewerlines/drains/pipes nallahs etc. maintained carefully.

—Official ban on sale of cut fruits is being implemented strictly.

Mass Copying in the CBSE Examinations

147. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was unprecedented mass copying in the examinations conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education recently in which the invigilation staff was also involved;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to check such incidents in future and to ensure holding of the examinations properly?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) There was considerable mass copying in the 1991 examinations conducted by the CBSE in Delhi particularly at 20 examination centres where widespread use of unfair means was established. 107 candidates of the Senior Secondary Class and 6124 candidates of the Secondary Class were appearing in the examinations at those centres.

(c) The Government advised the Board to take stern measures including cancellation of examinations wherever required. Thereafter, the Board cancelled examinations at 20 examination centres at Delhi and conducted re-examination at those centres. The Board has also appointed an Enquiry Commission to go into the matter.

(d) In order to minimise the use of unfair means in examinations, both preventive and punitive measures are required. Preventive measures are primarily in the area of Examination. Reforms like continuous internal evaluation, mix of internal and external evaluation and giving credits for non-scholastic achievements so as to reduce the essentiality of good performance only in the final examinations. The Government has advised CBSE to strengthen the existing examination machinery and to enlist the active cooperation of law enforcement agencies of the States and the Union Territories with a view to ensure smooth conduct of examinations.

Literacy rate

148. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States which, according to the provisional census 1991 have the lowest percentage of literacy stating the literacy rate in each of these States;

(b) by what percentage the projected rate of literacy in these States has fallen short;

(c) whether Government propose external funding for basic education in the country to achieve the goal of education for all;

(d) if so, the external organisations from which funds would be forthcoming stating the amount of assistance in each case; and

(e) what are the specific education projects for which the grants are proposed to be utilised?